REST ROOM
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WHY DID YOU BRING HER HERE?!
WHERE'S USA-KUN?!
I COULDN'T GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM.
HE SEEMS TO HAVE GONE TO KARAOKE WITH HIS FRIENDS.
WE WERE TALKING. ONE THING LED TO ANOTHER, AND WE ENDED UP COMING TO-GETHER...
HOW DOES THAT EVEN HAPPEN?!
I THINK SHE WAS TRYING TO BE CONSIDER-ATE BECAUSE I WAS STOOD UP...
HOW NICE!
TSK
I BROUGHT AN OLD BOOK TO LEND YOU.
YOU SHOULD'VE SAID YOU WERE MEETING A FRIEND...
EVEN IF HE NOTICES HER MESSAGES LATER AND SHOWS UP, THERE'S NO POINT IF THAT OTHER GIRL'S HERE.
THERE'S NO WAY USA-KUN WOULD IGNORE HER.

I'M SURE YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH TO DISCUSS.
IT'LL GET AWKWARD QUICKLY, AND THEN SHE'LL LEAVE.
NO, WE'RE NOT!
BUT THERE'S SUCH A THING AS WHITE LIES!
A FRIEND...?
WE'RE FRIENDS...?
WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE I ARBITRARILY ASSUMED WE'RE FRIENDS?
WHAT IS IT ABOUT?
DO YOU THINK I COULD READ IT, EVEN THOUGH I'VE ONLY EVER READ LIGHT NOVELS?
I'M GLAD, THOUGH.
I'M SORRY FOR SHAMELESSLY COMING WITH YOU.
WOW, THAT BOOK MUST BE A DIFFICULT READ.
THE BINDING LOOKS SO COOL.
SHE'S SO TALKATIVE.
I'D LIKE TO WEAR MAKEUP SINCE I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL,
BUT MY SKIN IS SO SENSITIVE. IT ALWAYS TURNS RED.
WHAT...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THAT GAP BETWEEN MY EXPECTATIONS AND REALITY IS SO COOL.
HAYASHI-SENPAI, YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'D READ FASHIONABLE MAGAZINES INSTEAD.
I'M KIND OF IMPRESSED.

IT HAPPENS TO ME SOMETIMES, TOO.
REALLY?! WHAT DO YOU USE?
OOO BRAND STUFF.
TOUCH
SENPAI, LET'S GO TO THE BATHROOM TOGETHER.
GRAB
YOU JUST TRIED TO READ THAT BOOK, DIDN'T YOU?
NO, I JUST WANTED TO SEE HOW IT FELT.
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO SAY MUCH, SO COULD YOU AT LEAST FOCUS?

I JUST SENT HIM SOME MESSAGES
SINCE SHE WON'T LEAVE, I'LL ASK HER SOME QUESTIONS.
START-ING OVER
I WONDER WHERE USA-KUN IS.
HE'S NOT RESPONDING TO E-MAILS OR LINE.
HE PROB-ABLY HASN'T NOTICED, OR MAYBE HE TURNED HIS PHONE OFF.
HE HASN'T EVEN READ HIS LINE MESSAGES
UNLIKE SAKUMA
USA-SENPAI HARDLY EVER IGNORES ME.
REALLY?
YOU'RE CLOSE, THEN.
OH.
WE PLAY DEMON HUNTER TOGETHER.
SO YOU HUNT TO-GETHER OFTEN?
WE HAVE BEEN A LOT LATELY.
DO YOU PARTY UP?
YEAH!

REST ROOM

THEY'RE ALREADY E-MAILING EACH OTHER...
ISN'T THAT NOR-MAL?
I TOLD YOU TO FOCUS ON THE CON-VERSATION...
I-I'M SORRY.
I COULDN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT.

BUT...
WE DIDN'T START UNTIL A WHILE AFTER WE MET.
I THINK WE STARTED AFTER FIVE MONTHS.
DOES SHE LIVE IN THE PAST?
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU ACT LIKE YOU DON'T ENJOY IT
HE DIDN'T WANT YOU TO HATE HIM
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHEN YOU STARTED!
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS HOW CLOSE YOU ARE NOW!
DON'T GET JEALOUS OVER STUPID NONSENSE!
JEAL-OUS?
DO YOU HAVE NO SELF-AWARE-NESS?!

STARTING OVER

BLUSH
WHAT?!
WHAT?
WHAT?

PLEASE DON'T
I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT ANSWERING THESE KINDS OF QUESTIONS!
FLAP
FLAP
SHEESH
HE'S NICE AND FUNNY!
HE'S A NICE UPPERCLASSMAN!
N-NO! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!

BESIDES, USA-SENPAI...
OH.
SHE KNOWS. OF COURSE SHE DOES.
だだもれ SUPER OBVIOUS
BY THE WAY, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT USA-SENPAI, KAWAI-SEN-PAI?
HE'S IMPOR-TANT.
...
USA-KUN IS
AN IMPOR-TANT...

LET'S GO TO THE BATHROOM, SENPAI.*
*WE NEED TO TALK
...AN IMPORTANT FRIEND.
...
A FRIEND...

→ REST ROOM

HUH?
WHAT?
UM...
SHIINA-SAN...
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT.
OH, COME ON.
SHIINA-SAN PROBABLY THINKS IT'S WEIRD HOW OFTEN WE HAVE TO USE THE REST-ROOM...
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE CALLED HIM IMPORTANT WHILE MAKING THAT FACE.
WHAT IS SHE THINKING?
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO ADD AN EXTRA WORD AT THE END?!
EXTRA??

SIGN: KARAOKE
カラオケ
SAVE ME, USA-KUN.
HE'S DEPRESSED BECAUSE HE HAS A RIVAL NOW.
USA, YOU SEEM DOWN LATELY.
I'M GOING TO GET SOME TEA.
GET SOME FOR ME, TOO.
MAYBE I'LL GO, TOO.
ME, TOO
GET ME A SODA
SHUT UP.
IT'S LIKE THIS.
WHAT IS THAT?
DO A "SHOULDER LEAN," TOO.
GO PUSH HER INTO A WALL AGAIN.
NOT AT ALL.
WELL, ANDO? FEEL ANYTHING?
ALL I FEEL IS PAIN.
HUH?
YOU'RE LETTING ME DO IT?!
WHAT
TAGAMI, LET ME USE YOUR HEAD.
UM...
APPARENTLY IT MAKES PEOPLE FEEL HAPPY.

YOU'RE KAWAI'S...
ARE YOU ON A KARAOKE DOUBLE DATE?
WHAT?!

I THOUGHT YOU HAD A DATE WITH KAWAI TODAY.
WHAT?!
SHE E-MAILED AND SAID YOU AGREED TO MEET HER.
WHAT?!
THE DATE PART IS MAE-MURA'S JOKE
SHE E-MAILED?
GASP はっ
MY PHONE IS OFF!
CRAP!

WHY DID IT HAVE TO RUN OUT OF POWER NOW?
DOES ANYONE HAVE A SPARE CHARGER?
I DON'T THINK SO.
NOW, NOW
まー まー
CALM DOWN. I'LL LET HER KNOW YOU CAN'T RESPOND BECAUSE YOUR PHONE'S DEAD.
I'LL E-MAIL KAWAI.
YOU'RE GOING TO E-MAIL SENPAI...?
YEAH.
HE DID IT SO EASILY.
OKAY.
IT'S SENT.
AND NATURALLY.

HE SAID SOMETHING NICE.
WHAT?
WE'RE ALWAYS MAKING HER STUDY WITH US.
SHE SEEMED EXCITED TO HANG OUT WITH YOU.
THAT'S TOO BAD FOR KAWAI.
WHEN I WAS A FIRST-YEAR, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT ABOUT HER.
SHE'S SO EASY TO TALK TO
AND SURPRISINGLY CARING.
CRINKLE
THEY'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE THEIR FIRST YEAR.
MAYBE KAWAI HAS CHANGED
SINCE SHE BECAME FRIENDS WITH YOU.
THAT'S A GOOD THING.
IT IS.
BUT...

...IT DOESN'T MAKE ME HAPPY AT ALL.
WE'RE GOOD FRIENDS NOW
BECAUSE OF YOU.
1/10 キッ
CRACK

JUMP
SLIP
THE TEA...
WHOA!
. . .
CLUNK
TRIP
OH!
WHOOPS!
THUNK

WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO YOU?
YEAH.
ARE YOU OKAY?
ハイ…
THANKS…
…
WELL, BYE…

YOU'RE BEING MANIPU-LATED...
IS HE AN IDIOT?
OR IS HE EVIL?
EITHER WAY..
DON'T SAY IT.

…
USA.
DON'T SAY IT.

IT'S KIND OF COOL HOW COMPOSED HE IS.
I TOLD YOU NOT TO SAY ANY-THING!

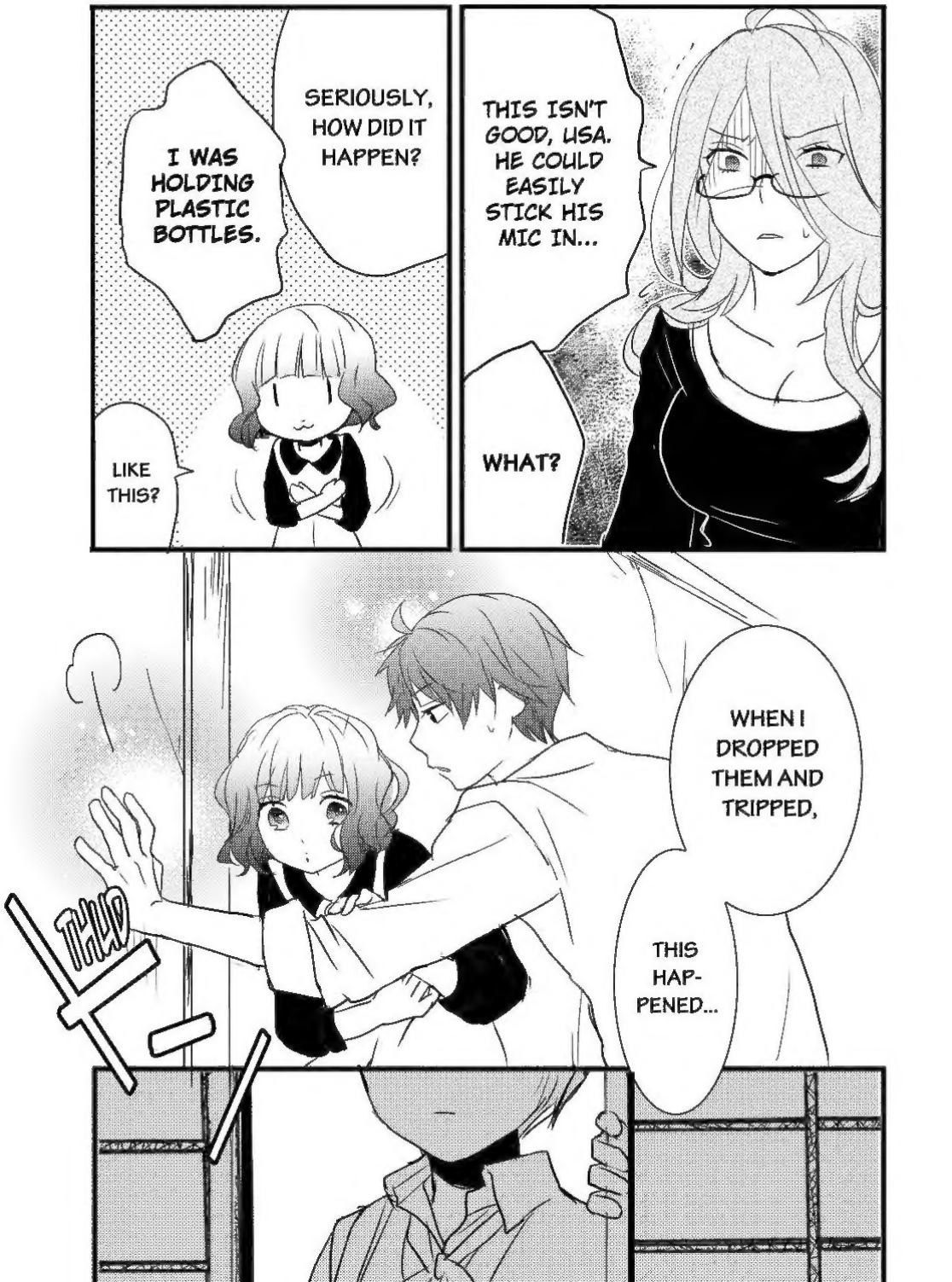
REST ROOM
RING-A-LING
!
I'M SAVED!!
天の助け!!
IS IT USA-KUN?
UM...
TAKA-HASHI-KUN?
TAKA-HASHI-KUN?!
WHEW
はぁ...
USA-KUN'S PHONE IS DEAD.
I KNEW IT.
WHO'S TAKAHA-SHI...?
...!
I'S TAKAHASHI.
I JUST MET USA-KUN AT A KARAOKE PLACE.
HIS PHONE'S DEAD, AND HE DIDN'T SEE YOUR MESSAGE. HE SEEMED FLUSTERED, SO I THOUGHT I'D LET YOU KNOW.

AT FIRST I THOUGHT HE WAS ON A KARAOKE DOUBLE DATE. IT WAS A SURPRISE CONSIDERING WHAT YOU'RE LIKE.
USA-KUN AND HIS FRIENDS ARE REALLY CLOSE. THEY WERE PUSHING EACH OTHER INTO THE WALL IN THE HALLWAY. ALSO THEIR SHOULDER PUSH? SHOULDER LEAN? WAS FUNNY, TOO.
WHY ARE YOU ONLY PERCEPTIVE WHEN IT'S INCONVENIENT?
IF HE THOUGHT IT WAS A DOUBLE DATE, WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN A GIRL?
GUY FRIENDS CAN BE SO STUPID.
WHAT IS USA-KUN DOING?
FOR THE TIME BEING, I NEED TO SMOOTH THIS OVER.
BY THE WAY, WHO'S TAKAHASHI?
IS THAT SOMETHING YOU DO?
GET TOGETHER WITH GUYS
男子で集まること
WE HOLD STUDY SESSIONS TOGETHER.
A MALE CLASSMATE.
WHO'S TAKAHASHI?
ANYWAY, FORGET ABOUT THAT.

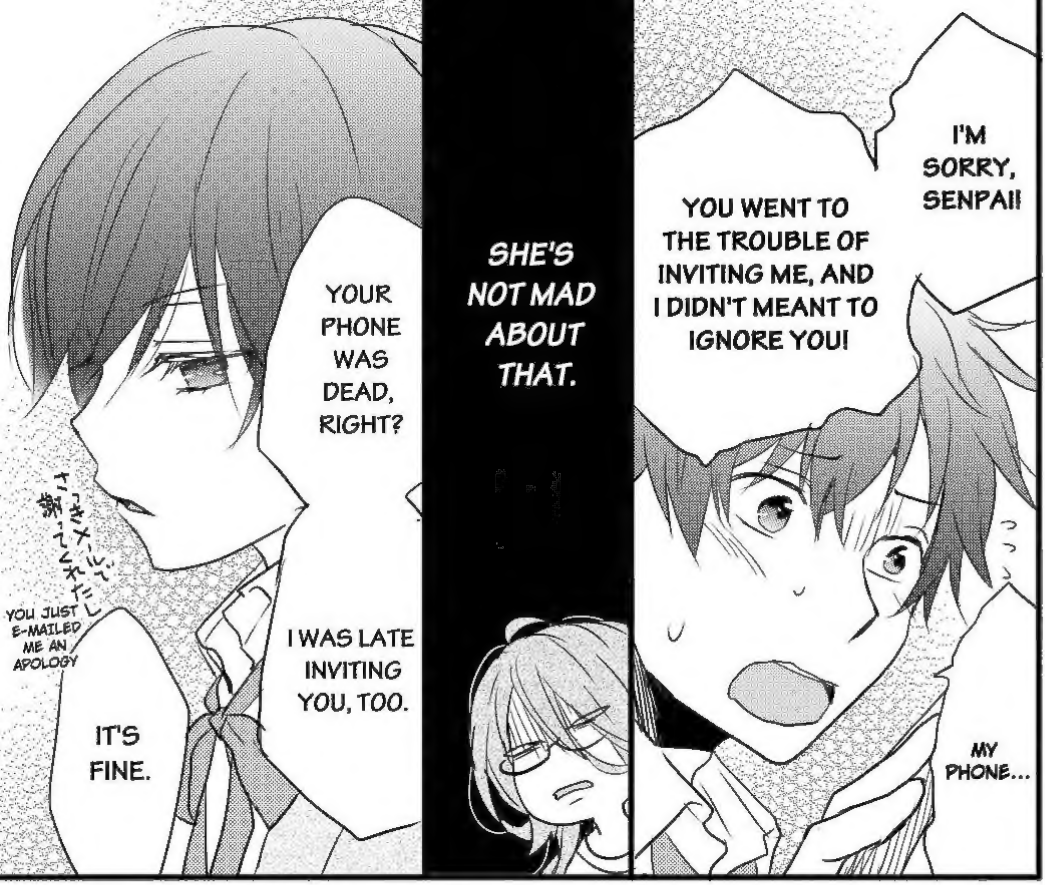
USA-KUN, WHAT ARE YOU DOING...?
WE BECAME PRETTY CLOSE.
IT'S REFRESHING AND FUN.
USA-KUN TOLD ME TO GIVE IT A TRY.
HE WAS PROBABLY JUST GOING WITH IT HE TENDS TO GET CAUGHT UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THINGS.
I DOUBT USA-KUN WAS THE ONE WHO DID IT TO SOMEONE ELSE.
WE'RE NOT CLOSE ENOUGH TO DO ANY WALL PUSHING, THOUGH.
ISN'T IT SOON FOR HIM TO BE E-MAILING YOU?
ISN'T THAT NORMAL?
URGH
YEAH, BUT...
IT'S MORE SIGNIFICANT WHEN IT COMES TO HER.
USAAA!
HE DID IT WITH SHIINA-SAN, TOO.
HMMM...
OKAY
よし
...
THOUGH SHE DID IT TO HIM...

GIVE UP
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY!
SIGH...
SENPAI WON'T ANSWER HER PHONE...
YOU'RE SO ANNOYING WHEN YOU SULK
THIS IS WHY VIRGINS ARE SO...
またか…
AGAIN...
充電中
CHARGING

HEY.
HE'LL ONLY GET MORE ANNOYING IF HE BECOMES MORE DEPRESSED. DON'T KEEP PICKING ON HIM.
WHAT?
I WASN'T GOING TO SAY ANYTHING. I JUST LIKE HAVING FUN.
YOU...
IT'S HIM.
HE AND SENPAI STARTED E-MAILING EACH OTHER WITHOUT ME EVEN REALIZING IT.
FINE. I WON'T SAY ANYTHING UNLESS SOMETHING MAJOR HAPPENS.
WHIMPER
HE'S SO COMPOSED, TOO.
TELL ME MORE ABOUT THAT.
TO TOP IT ALL OFF, HE WAS SO COOL WHEN HE PUSHED ME INTO THE WALL.


SERIOUSLY, HOW DID IT HAPPEN?
I WAS HOLDING PLASTIC BOTTLES.
LIKE THIS?
THIS ISN'T GOOD, USA. HE COULD EASILY STICK HIS MIC IN...
WHAT?
WHEN I DROPPED THEM AND TRIPPED,
THIS HAP-PENED...
THUD

OH.
WELCOME BACK, RIT-CHAN.
WHAT?
SENP...
SHE'S REALLY PISSED.


I'M SORRY, SENPAI!
YOU WENT TO THE TROUBLE OF INVITING ME, AND I DIDN'T MEANT TO IGNORE YOU!
MY PHONE...
SHE'S NOT MAD ABOUT THAT.
YOUR PHONE WAS DEAD, RIGHT?
YOU JUST E-MAILED ME AN APOLOGY
I WAS LATE INVITING YOU, TOO.
IT'S FINE.

BUT IT MUST'VE BEEN INCONVENIENT NOT BEING ABLE TO GET IN TOUCH.
IT WASN'T THAT SERIOUS.

VIA LINE
I HEARD FROM SHIINA
THAT YOU WAITED FOR ME.
I SAID IT'S FINE!

TAKAHASHI-KUN TOLD ME.
...
OH, REAL-LY?
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I SEE
...
THIS IS BECOMING EVEN MORE INTERESTING THAN I THOUGHT.
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I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY!